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Board of Police Commission Regular Meeting July 24, 2012

Chairman D'Errico called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman D'Errico, Commissioners McLoughlin, Lazaroff, and Monz, Chief McLoughlin. Absent was Commissioner Calafiore.

The Chairman asked for a motion to enter Executive Session for the purposes of interviewing an applicant for the position of police officer. A motion was made by Commissioner Lazaroff, second by Commissioner McLoughlin, and all were in favor. The time was 7:05 pm.

At 7:35pm, Commissioner McLoughlin made a motion to reconvene to the Regular Session, second by Commissioner Lazaroff and all were in favor.

Chairman D'Errico reconvened the Regular Session at 7:36pm

Present: Chairman D'Errico, Commissioners McLoughlin, Lazaroff, and Monz, Chief McLoughlin, Deputy Chief Mulhern, and Kevin Fletcher from NHTV.

Absent: Commissioner Calafiore.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes for the June 26, 2012 regular meeting and executive session. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Commissioner McLoughlin, second by Commissioner Lazaroff. The motion passed unanimously.

The next order of business was the approval of the monthly reports for June 2012. A motion to accept the reports was made by Commissioner Monz, second by Commissioner McLoughlin. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence

1. A resident commended Officer Norden for his attention, care, and quick response in the handling of his mother's credit card theft.
2. Ansonia Chief Hale thanked Chief for the assistance of Officer Brennan and K-9 Zeus during an early morning raid involving narcotics dealing and street violence.
3. A resident thanked Chief McLoughlin for his assistance in ordering and posting a sign on her property.
4. The Department of Public Health, Branch Chief, thanked Chief for allowing their vehicles to be parked in the police department lot during a labor action at a healthcare center.
5. Sergeant Sordi was thanked by the Muscular Dystrophy Association for providing transportation during their Wallingford Lock-up event.

Chairman's Report

Chairman D'Errico had some questions about the budget, and in particular, the month to date expenditures that were recorded in the personnel and overtime lines for June 2012. Chief McLoughlin explained that he believed that the department's budget surplus for the past fiscal year was being applied to the personnel and overtime lines to cover the retroactive pay that will be due to the Union members as a result of the recent contract settlement.

The Chief will confirm this explanation with the Finance Director and report back to the commissioners tomorrow.

Chairman D'Errico commended Lieutenant Glenn on the excellent job he is doing with the patrol reports. Chief McLoughlin commented that Lieutenant Glenn does a great job.

In response to an inquiry by the Chairman, Chief McLoughlin stated he will contact the Department of Transportation to replace an old wood guard rail post at Postman's Highway and Pool Road. According to an earlier inquiry made with the DOT, the police department was informed that the DOT was responsible for this repair.

Chief's Report

The Chief reported that the Sergeant and Lieutenant promotional lists will expire on or about September 1, 2012. Since there are no planned retirements or vacancies in the supervisory ranks at this time, the Chief reported that it would be best to wait until the winter months before we offer any promotional exams. The Chief said that this would allow for more officers to be eligible to take an exam and hopefully the department would get a larger pool of promotional candidates to choose from. By contract, the candidates are given 90 days to study and prepare for the test.

Chief McLoughlin reported that the personnel and overtime line items for FY2012-2013 will likely run over budget. The Chief explained that since the union was still negotiating a contract back in February when the budget was prepared, no adjustments or increases were included to these line items by the Board of Finance. Since that time, a labor agreement was reached and it may reflect a 4.25% increase to these payroll lines. As a result, we will have to re-evaluate and scrutinize the in-kind services and police services that are often provided to special interest groups and other town departments in this coming year.

Traffic Report

In response to a request from several residents, Chief McLoughlin recommended that a 25MPH speed limit be established and posted on Cedar Avenue. Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to approve the sign. Chairman McLoughlin made the motion, second by Commissioner Monz. The motion passed unanimously. The Chief will forward the request to the Department of Transportation for approval.

The Chief discussed the need for a pedestrian walk signal on Bailey Road and Elm Street. Approval of the signal was apparently included in the original traffic light plan from 1989 and it appeared a second time in a plan in 2004, presumably when the new High School was being constructed. The Chief obtained an estimate of \$15,000.00-\$17,000.00 to complete the work.

Two police vehicles received minor damage in two different incidents within the past month. The incidents were not the fault of the officers.

The Chief reported that over the years water and ice have gotten behind the pebble stone façade panels, located between the first and second floor windows of the police building. The panels are starting to buckle and repairs will be needed.

Officer Alexander Sinanis, the recent lateral transfer, is on his own and performing well.

There are no new grievances.

The Union members ratified the tentative labor agreement this evening.

For the Walter T. Berniere Scholarship Awards, Chief McLoughlin asked for a motion to approve scholarship awards for two courses for Officer Hannon, two courses for Lieutenant Glenn, and one course for Officer Norden. A motion was made by Commissioner McLoughlin, second by Commissioner Lazaroff. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission interviewed a Connecticut certified police officer this evening for the position of patrol officer. Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to give John Battick a conditional offer of employment. Commissioner Monz made the motion, second by Commissioner Lazaroff. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner D'Errico asked for a motion to return to Executive Session to discuss other personnel matters. A motion was made by Commissioner Monz and seconded by Commissioner Lazaroff and all were in favor. The time was 8:04pm.

Chairman D'Errico reconvened the Regular Session and it was called to order at 8:32 pm.

Present: Chairman D'Errico, Commissioners McLoughlin, Lazaroff, and Monz, Chief McLoughlin and Deputy Chief Mulhern. Absent was Commissioner Calafiore.

Commissioner Lazaroff made a motion to promote Officer Joseph Woznyk to the rank of Sergeant effective August 2, 2012. A second was made by Commissioner McLoughlin and all were in favor.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Monz, second by Commissioner McLoughlin. The motion passed unanimously. The time was 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Lazaroff, Secretary

Minutes by Mrs. Amato

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Board of Police Commission
Executive Session
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Chairman D'Errico called the Executive Session to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Chairman D'Errico, Commissioners McLoughlin, Lazaroff, and Monz, and Chief McLoughlin.

Absent: Commissioner Calafiore and Deputy Chief Mulhern.

The Commission interviewed John Battick, who is a Connecticut certified police officer, for the position of patrol officer.

At 7:35 p.m. Commissioner Monz made a motion to adjourn and to reconvene into the Regular Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lazaroff and all were in favor.

The second Executive Session was called to order by Chairman D'Errico at 8:10 p.m.

Present: Chairman D'Errico, Commissioners McLoughlin, Lazaroff, and Monz, Chief McLoughlin and Deputy Chief Mulhern.

Absent: Commissioner Calafiore.

At 832 p.m., Commissioner McLoughlin made a motion to return to Regular Session for the purpose of voting. A second was made by Commissioner Lazaroff and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas McLoughlin, Chief of Police